

SOFTBALL RIVALRY APPEARS IMMINENT

With big leagues and local baseball over for another year, a softball battle appears to be imminent in the ranks of the younger sports fans of Bassano. The boys-conferred on Monday evening which concluded over a week ago is the immediate cause of the post-season comeback of the game. After listening to detailed accounts of how "Dixie", "Daisy", "Schoolboy" and all the other bright stars showed their prowess on the diamond, the local ball-fighters felt the urge to exhibit their own skill.

Rounded up by Const. Dick and A. Hanson, a sufficient number of players were trotted onto the high school diamond last Sunday afternoon, amidst the hoos of high school supporters. The game was closely fought all the way, but the high school was facing a side that had a clean back up and lost by a final score of 5-7.

The experienced pitching of Allan Way for the challengers was the deciding factor of the game, and the holding on the part of either side was just mediocre, and errors were numerous.

Umpire L. Whitehorn handled the game like a veteran and called them with a practiced eye.

Future games are in the offing, providing the snow holds off long enough. Arrangements are being made to play Lathom and Arrowwood next Sunday. If plans materialize, the newly formed club will travel to Lathom in the morning and return to play Arrowwood here in the afternoon.

The lineup of teams for the game last Sunday is as follows:

High School: B. Magent, C. G. Stiles, p; J. Clarke, lb; B. Plumer, 2b; R. Basarack, ss; A. Johnston, 3b; F. Thompson, cf; R. Ansell, cf; D. Ford, p.

Challengers: J. Fraser, cf; A. Yule, p; W. Dick, lb; A. Hanson, 2b; J. Nesbitt, ss; G. Pink, 3b; L. Sambrook, cf; C. Nesbitt, cf; H. Sandgar, cf.

H.S. CLEARS DECKS FOR BIG EVENING

In order to have ample time to make their only public dance of the season an outstanding event, local high school students have already started a rapid-fire ticket selling campaign. Advance sales indicate that a record crowd will gather at the Masonic Community Hall on the night of Friday, November 2nd.

Services of a popular local master of ceremonies are to be obtained to assure no delay in the proceedings. The Socialist Revolutionists will have to step lively to keep up the pace demanded by the crowd.

All the best cards in the pack are being reserved for contract bridge and wistful players. The students are putting their cards on the table and ask for a chance to prove that the evening will be anything but a "poor deal."

UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA NEWS

EDMONTON, October 17. — King Football is holding away at the University of Alberta this month.

Coach Allan Wilson's Golden Bears are leading the senior provincial league with three victories in as many games and appear to be headed for the Alberta championship for the first time since 1928. Practically the entire student body turned out here on Saturday to see the U. of A. men defeat Lethbridge Bulldogs 15-5.

The weekend game was preceded by a gigantic pep rally in Convocation Hall Friday evening. The rally, which was broadcast over a local station, attracted many Edmonton sport fans to the game.

Possibility of "Alberta" U. of A. official undergraduate song, being played over the Columbia broadcasting system in the United States by Fred Waring's famous Pennsylvania team is being investigated by Edward McPherson, director of the Bureau of Student Publications.

Members of the Lethbridge football team were feted at a house dance here following their Saturday afternoon contest with Varsity.

WHEAT YIELDS HIT NEW LOW

The latest attempt of the weather man to break up harvest routine is in vain, so far as local wheat farmers are concerned. All wheat in the Bassano area is cut, threshed, and in most instances, sold. All that remains on the decks of a few farms is an unestimated quantity of oats which were not yet dry enough to thresh when the warm spell ended.

The wheat yield this year was more than disappointing—it was abject. The average per acre (computing on the number of acres sown) has been judged by an local authority to be 3 bushels per acre. This takes into account the crops damaged by grasshoppers, drought, hail, cutworms, etc., and those crops which were too poor to cut at all. Grades run No. 3, 4 and 5.

E. O. Teigland, mouth of town, has again the exception to the rule. His wheat ran 14 bushels to the acre and all graded No. 1, weighing a pound more than 60 pounds to the bushel. Year after year, Mr. Teigland has consistently taken more from the same dry land than any other farmer in this vicinity, by dint of careful farming and skilful management.

Total volume of wheat taken in at the two local elevators is of course smaller than other recent years, and hauling is practically finished.

2 ACCIDENTS LAST TUES.

A colored expert, 54 years old, suffered injuries which resulted in the amputation of a leg when he attempted to load a west-bound freight at Brooks on Tuesday.

According to two eyewitnesses of the accident, Fletcher, as his name was legibly to be, fell off the train when he tried to board it. Succeeding on his second attempt, he was just regaining his balance when he was struck by the water tower just west of the Brooks station. He was thrown from his precarious perch to the track, and the wheels passed over his legs.

The man was immediately tendered aid by Dr. Anderson, of Brooks, and was rushed to the Bassano hospital for further treatment.

On Thursday, Fletcher was still too weak to be questioned, although it is hoped that he will speedily recover after the first shock.

Another serious accident occurred on the same evening, Tuesday, Oct. 16th, near Durban.

Two motor cars, driven by A. McDonald, of Brooks, and H. Schandeler, of Ducksfoot, met in a head-on collision on the main highway.

Both cars were badly damaged. The two men were removed to the Bassano hospital, where they are still recuperating from painful cuts and bruises. Both drivers sustained broken noses in the accident.

VOTERS LISTS NEARLY READY

Wm. McLaws, registrar of electors for the Medicine Hat electoral division, announced that all enumerators have been appointed in this riding and that the work of compiling the names of those who may vote in the next federal election has commenced.

The local enumerators immediately surrounding Bassano, the enumerators are as follows: H. W. Ford, Bassano; Wm. Somerville, Cluny; P. Hottan, Makepeace; Chas. L. Norton, Rosemary; D. Halley, Ducksfoot; E. J. Buhl, Hensar; D. C. Portney, Gem.

Monday, October 15 was the day the lists officially opened, and they must be completed by Saturday, October 20th. On or about October 23, preliminary lists will be posted for inspection of prospective voters.

Stittings will be held in the offices of the local enumerators on November 13th, 14th and 15th for the purpose of correcting and revising the preliminary lists. It will be the duty of electors to see that their names are on the list, and if not, to advise the enumerator on any of these dates.

General qualifications of voters are, a person must be a British subject, 21 years of age, have at least 12 months residence in the Dominion and three months ordinarily residence in the constituency. Any doubt as to the eligibility of voters will be explained by the enumerators of the respective polling divisions.

DUCHESS NEWS

DUCHESSE, Oct. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ferguson, Vern and Loren left for a visit in California last Monday morning. They will visit the parents and brother of Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Seitz, of Wamego, Kansas, who have been visiting at the Smith home, left for their home on Saturday.

The committee of the Ladies' Aid are working hard for the International support that will be given on the 24th. Watch for posters giving full particulars.

There are some great wheat crops in this district. Mr. W. B. Smith had some that went 57 bushels to the acre and some of the Knight place averaged 52 bushels. Henry Dahl had good yields and Marcus Adair reports an average of over 50 bushels.

Miss Lucille Robinson left for Calgary Wednesday night, where she will receive medical treatment.

D. F. Halley returned Sunday from Calgary, where he attended the exhibition ball game.

ORIGINAL OBJECT OF C.P.R. "TONNAGE", NOT "DUNNAGE"

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Oct. 13.—Everything is in readiness for the big baseball dance to be held in Rosemary Friday evening, October 19th. Admission for gentlemen will be 50c. The Ducksfoot orchestra will play.

Mr. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. McFee, Miss McFee, and Mr. Webber, all of Calgary, visited at the L. D. S. Hall last Sunday. Mr. Frank delivered a sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Norton, Mrs. R. Eastman motored to Bassano Thursday.

A large number of families were in Rosemary on Wednesday to receive their share of the two carloads of flour that were shipped in.

2 or 3 more days of nice weather will complete the threshing in this vicinity.

Mr. Norton is enumerator in this district for the coming election.

Makepeace Notes

MAKEPEACE, Oct. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Brown entertained relatives and friends from Calgary at their home last Sunday.

Do not forget the big dance in Makepeace school on October 31st. Admission only 50c a couple. Couples and single girls have a good time. Ladies, please bring lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. O. McCurdy were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Blose Sunday. Mr. Sloan's brother and sister were also at Crawford's over the weekend.

Crowfoot and Makepeace have not tangled yet any bridge sessions yet this season.

The geese have been used a little too roughly at Crowfoot so they have invaded the Makepeace fields. As far as Makepeace is concerned, they can go back to Crowfoot, or a better place.

CROWFOOT NEWS

CROWFOOT, Oct. 16.—Some of the local bridge fans by chance happened to gather at Guyatt's store and service station last Monday evening and all the pros and cons of the said bridge club were discussed. It was decided not to start the club till next year, when a meeting will be held to organize. Further details will appear later.

Mr. Wilson, of Gleichen, father of Mrs. Blake Robertson, died of pneumonia last Friday. The people of this community were very sorry to hear this news and extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin and family of Quenston, spent Sunday visiting at the Hoffelheimer home.

Miss Edith Weimers, who has been working near Gleichen for the past month, returned home last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mullin spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. Underberg at Bow Slip.

Ed Underberg, who has spent the last few weeks looking after his farming interests in this vicinity, returned to his home near Kearon, Washington, last week.

J. O. Reynolds left for his home in Los Angeles last week. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Van Orsdahl, of Quenston, who are going to spend the winter there.

Mrs. A. Halset underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Bassano Hospital last Friday. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Geo. Connally has taken over the Reed farm, recently vacated by J. Walters.

Lantern-Slide Lecture

Last Sunday Evening
Rev. C. P. Young, B. A., from Central India, gave an interesting address, illustrated with lantern slides, last Sunday evening in Knox Church.

A large congregation attended to hear and see the lecture, which dealt mainly with missionary work—their accomplishments, their handicaps and the satisfying results they are obtaining.

Mr. Young had with him a portable slide-projector and a varied and interesting number of colored slides. Pictures of ancient temples and idols, scenes of native life, the photos of the missionaries and their families were displayed on the white wall of the building.

Most of the water users in the Canadian Pacific Railway irrigation block are aware of the fact that in undertaking this vast project, the company entertained no desire of making any immediate profits out of the sale of irrigable lands, nor out of the business of delivering water.

The undertaking was entered into as a great development scheme, with the expectation that the irrigation block would pay for itself. TO COME contribute more traffic per acre than any other area tributary to the company's lines. It is important to emphasize this fact in order to make it clear that the interests of the water consumers and those of the company are practically identical.

That paragraph, Mr. Contract Holder, is the preamble to a pamphlet printed in May, 1918, to be issued to the water users by the company. FRANK J. MCGEE, who was the vision that the promoters of this vast project has before them, and not the nightmare of impoverished and ruined farmers, is the man who impends under the difficult conditions we face today. And unless the writer has gained the wrong impression from reading this pamphlet, the matter is plain. The company, that big tonnage idea is the guiding principle leading to the present proposal.

It is worthy of a great deal of earnest consideration and half-yearly snap judgment is out of order. Should it be proved by investigation, by dealing with the company in this regard, that the irrigation system in its entirety, is a feasible, practical and financially sound proposition and that, the transfer from the company to the organized Water Users' Association would eliminate the unbearable burden of the water rates then let us try it. We surely could not be more involved than at present.

Indications all point to the inauguration of such land policy, and the writer, at least, is convinced that the company intends to place this project in the foreground as a highly productive and solvent irrigation farming area.

A large amount of very valuable information is being prepared by the Committee for the fullest possible knowledge of the matter, to be held in the Gayety Theatre, Brooks, on Tuesday, October 30th, starting at 10 a.m. promptly.

About 700 web-footed farmers are carrying the load with an average of 140 acres irrigable. There are about as many acres of good and fair lands unsold and unoccupied which should be producing tonnage and sharing the cost of the vast irrigation system.

Then in addition to this, there are close to one million acres of grazing lands which have earning power when administered in conjunction with the irrigated farms.

Doubt, dissatisfaction and distress can only be dispelled by a free and open encounter with the facts. Plan to put one day in a full examination of these facts.

FREE COURSES IN AGRICULTURE FOR STUDENTS OVER 16 YEARS

In an advertisement appearing in this paper last week, it was incorrectly announced that free courses in Agriculture and Home Economics would be given at the Olds and Vermilion Schools of Agriculture to boys and girls under sixteen years of age. Obviously this should have read OVER sixteen years of age.

SAT'DAY, THIS WEEK
Wallace Beery in
"MYRA VILL"
Liberty 4 Star Picture

SAT'DAY, NEXT WEEK
George White's
"SCANDAL"
Rudy Vallee Alice Faye

ORPHEUM THEATRE

HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, Oct. 16.—The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. J. V. Elliott on November 8th.

Dr. Powell will preach here on November 18th.

The W. L. will meet with Mrs. J. Houghton on October 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reeves, of Calgary, spent the first part of the week with Mr. F. R. Reeves and returned on Friday.

H. Brassard heard on Wednesday of the death of his mother on Tuesday at her home in Worcester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Woudt land and Mrs. and Mrs. McNab were Calgary visitors on Saturday.

Mr. Schmacher is back from Calgary for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Long, with Nelson, Elliott and Mrs. Walker motored to Calgary on Saturday.

Miss Lucille Stallings went to Calgary on Friday with Mr. Sewall, and returned on Tuesday, spending the weekend with her mother at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher were Calgary visitors on Saturday evening for a brief evening of Guild. The Guild met on Wednesday evening. They are preparing a play, "Here Comes Charlie" for Nov. 16, to be followed by a dance. The Bangers met on the 17th.

Miss Elsie Kechie, Miss Margaret Bell and E. J. Bell were in Calgary on Saturday.

Brownie Third Birthday
The Brownies celebrated their third birthday on Monday afternoon, October 15th at the home of the president, Lois Schoelling. The Brownies entertained mothers and guests by going through their ritual and in introducing a new Brownie. Following the ceremonies was a business meeting, with plans for a card party on November 2nd. The Brownies then gave a demonstration of signalling, which they had started to study at camp this summer. Miss Leggett was the contest staged last before lunch. Mrs. Schoelling provided luncheon for the whole group and the visitors. The giant birthday cake, with its three candles, was a delight.

The group of Brownies were all present, including: Lois Schoelling, president; Bernice Jans, secretary; Peggy Holland, treasurer; Betty Hulen, Shirley Hulen, Dorothy LeGrandeur, Vivian Sandow, Thillie Borowick, Anna Margaret Moffat, Hazel Coughlin. Mothers and guests: Mrs. Burdette, Miss Burdette, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Hulen, Mrs. Sandow, Mrs. Schooling, Miss B. Leggett, Miss Dorothy Nelson.

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Our intellectual and spiritual possessions are so large that no man could have accumulated them by his own efforts. They are the heritage of the past.

Ideas, aims and motives are not like land and money. Although we inherit them yet everybody must acquire them to have full possession. And only diligent reading and study can make them useful to the human mind.

It is usually easy to tell by the way a man holds the truth whether he has picked it up listlessly whilst sauntering through the treasure house of accumulated Knowledge, or whether he has wrought it out of the sweat of his brow by the roaring forge of life.

It is the intellectual standard of a country which registers that nation's place in world affairs and not, as many think, its population and wealth. The quality of the thoughts of the people think and the discernment with which truth is gleaned from a multiplicity of verbiage are gauges of that people's ability to take a high place in world affairs. Do not forget that

"Little Athens was the muse's home,
That Oxford ruled the hearth of London still,
And Florence brought the Renaissance to Rome."

EDUCATION OVER THE AIR

The development of "education over the air" by the University of Alberta, during the past half dozen years, has given the people of Alberta an opportunity to partake of the benefits supplied by that institution.

The University radio station has announced its programs for the season and we suggest to radio owners that they obtain a copy and make good use of the series of broadcasts.

There are many features of unusual interest. The addresses are not all what one might describe as "educational", for there is a wide range.

Last year one of the features of the program was talks by Dean Howes on songs of the pioneers days in old Ontario. Many former residents of that province suggested that it meant for them the rolling back of the years to the times when community life was close and real. The old-time songs

With "Ben Bolt and Clementine"
And "Dixie Land" and "Seeing Nollie Home."

MONEY MANOEUVRES

Keen observers of international affairs are watching with deep interest the developments in London, England, where gold prices have been steadily creeping upward. Within recent days the price of gold in London has risen to a record high.

High priced gold means low-priced money and higher priced goods. This is a seeming paradox but that's the way the intricacies of finance work out. Canada's customary government gold holdings are around seventy million dollars on the \$20.67 per ounce gold valuation. According to the scale facility agreed upon by the nations of the world assembled at the London conference a year ago last spring, this country could issue 280 million dollars in paper money on that reserve.

But step the price of gold up to \$41 an ounce and Canada could issue nearly 560 million dollars worth of paper money. If that were done the value of money would go down, but the price of gold would be almost double.

Another move towards cheapening money is evident in the step taken by the federal government of Canada to the interest rate on savings rates down and furnish the government with cheaper money. It will also tend to drive money into other channels than savings banks.

Right now the inevitable trend appears to be towards cheap money. It is doubtful if any power can stay this movement and those countries who are adhering closely to the gold standard are apprehensive over the future.

REGULATIONS AGAINST SMALL FIREARMS

It is a matter of importance that the people should know that after January 1, 1935, any person who has a pistol or revolver that has not been registered with the police will be liable to a fine of \$50 or 30 days in jail.

This regulation aims at a more drastic curtailment of the private ownership of non-sporting firearms, particularly those capable of concealment. There is very little need, particularly in these days of efficient police protection, for the average citizen to own a revolver or pistol.

This is a step to curtail the equipment for violent robberies, of which there has been something like an epidemic in Canada during the past few years. There is very little opportunity for criticism of this legislation and it should be generally observed.

The one weakness in the plan is the small amount of publicity given. Very few people know that such legislation was enacted at all. This may result in infractions of the law through ignorance of the regulations.

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Greetings, ladies! Howdy farmers! New weather for geese and Eskimos, ain't it?

Bill Stewart, who lives a couple sections away, says that farming is an occupation full of promises and nothin' else. As a rule, Bill is a very original bloke, but in this he was just telling what Adam and other agriculturalists of bygone days must have repeated to others. Don't you think so?

After witnessing an unusually beautiful sunset, we proceeded to write a lovely poem on the subject. However, our thoughts must have wandered, for this is how it began and ended.

After long weary years on the west
ern plain,
We feel like a newly born baby again.
For we ain't got a shirt or a stock
in the wear

But "next year" is coming, no why
should we care?

Truth needs neither ramparts nor
cannon to defend it, for being immortal,
none can destroy it.

After looking over his crop in mid-July, a farmer who shall be known to you as Jake, became fully intoxicated with the optimism which is the rightful heritage of all who dwell in the West, and gave to a persistent creditor a written order for a portion of his crop.

Hearing of this, other fellows interested in a similar manner had the same way. But when Jake got counting the actual number of bushels on the separator tally, he found he had assigned a whole lot more wheat than he had.

Hearing of a pipe, he suggested that he might be able to solve his problem, but in the most fervid manner we urged him to consult Professor Kibston or some other merchant who deals in staves and abstracts.

As you build this life it is ever
worth while.

To give your neighbor a hand and
a smile.
And when in misfortune you are
troubled thus.

In joy he will come with the same
gifts to you.

Now the cook says that if we don't
get fuel and water in without delay,
bread and bread alone will be our sup-
per. Which is sure some ultimatum.

But before we obey, fulfil, or carry
out the mandatory behests, we've got
to tell this one regardless of the con-
sequences.

A long time ago, there lived in a
remote district, two Scots who took
turns about to go for supplies.

Thus it came to pass that one re-
turned from the distant errand and
laid on the table 6 bottles of whiskey
and 2 loaves of bread.

The other, who had been reading,
looked up reproachfully and said
"Why waste so much money on
bread, Jack?"

Wasn't one of them ginks the limit?

You, here comes the cook again!
Good night!

TESTING WORTHY CAUSES
(from the Christian Science Monitor)

In many parts of the United States and Canada, requests to merchants for semi-public donations have assumed the proportions of a "racket." The small-town tradesman, forced to donate \$10 "to help buy curtains for the women's clubhouse," hands out the money as cheerfully as possible. To refuse would be to send many regular customers to some competitor or who had "contributed."

But business men in Edmonton, Alta., finding themselves pressed in constantly for gifts to many causes have formed a "donations committee" in their Board of Trade. Deserving but those demanding money for trivial public wants will get no storekeepers hard-earned dollars.

Merchants in other towns and cities need not look longingly toward Edmonton. They have their own boards of trade. And there is no copyright or patent on the Edmonton experiment.

Jacques Cartier sowed turnip seeds in Canada during his third visit of exploration in 1541. That was nearly ten years before the first turnips are believed to have been introduced into England from Holland in 1560.

Britain's Biggest
-- "Queen Mary"

The Mail has just received a sonar report from the Glasgow Daily News and Mail, featuring the launching of the new Cunard liner, "Queen Mary."

The ship, known as the "534" by name, it was the 534th ship built by Messrs. John Brown, is reputedly the largest ship in the world. It will cost about \$26 million to complete.

Here are a few statistics regarding the "534": The 14 inch hull will withstand pressures to 40 tons per square inch; 1018 feet long; 101 feet 6 inches to mast head; a whistle that can be heard for thirty miles; 10 million rivets in hull structure; two doors and a steel ladder in the lower part of the 12-ton rubber; two principal anchors of 16 tons; 25 steel lifeboats, propelled by Diesel engines and accommodating 140 people each; a daily newspaper which also publishes 15,000 daily menus; 21 small elevators; a garage; a talkie theatre; a street of stores; a gymnasium; swimming pool and an on. Everything possible has been done for the comfort and convenience of its passengers.

In the kitchen, 20,000 meals a day are prepared; they store for use 15,000 dozen eggs, 3,000 gallons milk, 500 gallons of cream, 300 cases of fruit. The 500 tons of provisions will include 26 tons of potatoes, 50 tons of cereals, 50 tons of vegetables and 40 tons of meat.

This 12,000-ton, 5,000-passenger and crew liner is truly a sensational ship.

THE EXPENSIVE AUTOMOBILE
(from the Hanna Herald)

The latest attack the Alberta government has to meet was inspired by The Edmonton Journal and is based in the recent purchase of six new cars for the use of city council members. We are not acquainted with the details of the deal but consider the entire affair rather inconsequential.

Almost every business firm of any size buys autos if they are needed. We venture to suggest that possibly The Edmonton Journal has purchased new autos within the past year or so.

Possibly the managing editor of that newspaper drives a pretty nifty car. He may think it nobody's business but his own, when actually the people of Alberta support The Journal. If The Journal and all The Journal employees did without cars maybe the cost of that newspaper could be reduced a trivial amount.

Maybe too many of us are driving cars we cannot afford, the writer is included. So if all of us would do with our cars we might save enough money to pay taxes and balance our individual budgets. Of course it would be a

show to our pride and patience to have to go back to the old buckboard and the bruce, but we could all do it. What then would become of our car dealers, our gasoline stations, our car repair shops, etc? Would they be turned into blacksmith shops or feed barns?

Maybe after all we might better keep our cars.

The slaughtering and meat packing industry, which might be termed an offshoot of agriculture, is one of the most important of Canadian manufacturing industries. On the list of the leading forty industries in 1932, the latest year for which complete figures are available, it stood first in order of value of materials used and third in order of gross value of output.

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PRESENT PROBLEMS,
FUTURE OF IRRIGATION
IN SOUTH ALBERTA

Extracts From an Article in "The
Canadian Chartered Accountant",
by J. Sutton, Lethbridge, Alberta

"That part of Southern Alberta lying east and south of the city of Calgary contains approximately 12,000,000 acres of land on which water can be applied from the canals of the various irrigation systems operating in that area. These projects, twelve in all, represent an investment of around \$25,000,000 and in size run all the way from a few hundred acres, such as the Mountain View Irrigation District near Cardston, to the 400,000-acre project known as the C. P. R. Eastern Section with its headquarters at Brooks.

"Has irrigation proved successful in Alberta? Can it pay its way? Have the results justified the heavy capital expenditure? What are its present problems and what of the future? All these questions naturally arise when speaking of irrigation farming. An endeavor will be made in the following to answer these questions and show just what part irrigation is playing in the economic and social life of Western Canada."

Agriculture
With Southern Alberta's well-known sunshine, combined with an adequate water supply, it is possible to grow almost any agricultural product in commercial quantities. Irrigation has conquered the problems of drought but it has brought other problems peculiar to itself and accentuated a general system of farming. The chief problem is the marketing of the kind of products that can be grown. This does not mean marketing at all. It will return the cost of production but the finding of a market at any price. Successful irrigation farming means diversification, rotation of crops and specialization to a high degree; it calls for a departure from the growing of grain only. Water will grow crops and it will also grow prices. The annual cost of operating irrigated land makes summer-fallow prohibitive, and the water-bush

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plant food from the soil that the usual method of fallow does not replace. In other words, irrigation farming demands a planned rotation of crops and the basis of this is a legume and a cultivated crop that cleans the land and enriches the soil. Drains have their use but only in a limited way. The trend should be away from grain and towards increased acreage of alfalfa and fodder crops. The problem facing the irrigation farmer is not if he follows the right method agriculturally, he is facing the possibility of not being able to market his products. On the other hand, if he does not, he is faced with rapid soil deterioration and a losing battle with weeds. What is lacking is density of population to consume the more specialized crops. Last year field beans grown on the Lethbridge Northern were the world championship at Chicago. But it would take very few acres of beans to saturate the available market. This is also true as regards potatoes, corn, etc. What then is the solution to this problem?

Mr. Sutton then gives a detailed account of the best sugar industry as applied to irrigation lands. In brief, he says: "There is one crop that has proven highly successful both in an agricultural and an economic sense and that is the sugar beet. The sugar beet is a crop that requires a high degree of cultivation and the foundation of successful irrigation farming and as the basis of a planned rotation. It cleans the land, and with deep cultivation required and application of manure or commercial fertilizer, soil fertility reaches a high level. The best tops, pulp and beets, as by-products, are excellent food for stock. Therefore, in addition the sugar of sugar beet culture has enormous and blends with the agricultural into a complete whole. The acreage planted to sugar beets is contracted for by the Canadian Sugar Factories, Limited, at Raymond, so the grower has a guaranteed market for his produce, and the net cash returns to him are considerably in excess of any other crop that can be grown and marketed at the present time. The contract between the grower and the factory guarantees to him a specific amount per ton of beets as an initial payment and further payments according to sugar content and the price at which sugar is sold."

"The most important feature of the best sugar industry is that its guaranteed price, through the contract system, gives a stability of income that in itself is of inestimable value to the economic well-being and morale of the farmer. It means balanced farms, stable rural communities and the making of the real type of homes that only come with the feeling of security."

"At the present time 11,000 acres of irrigable land are growing beets, the crop from which is the maximum on the Raymond farm. There is a strong movement now under way on the expansion of this important industry to a point where every irrigated farm will be growing from twenty-five to thirty acres of sugar beets, resulting in the sugar requirements of Western Canada being wholly supplied from that source. It is not too much to say that the future of Alberta irrigation projects depends upon the expansion of the beet sugar industry as an industry economically sound, along the lines of which real agricultural and industrial development can take place side by side."

Dealing with irrigation in general again, Mr. Sutton continues:

"What of the Future?" "It can be said with every justification that irrigation is playing a very important part in the economic and social life of Alberta and is here to stay. In a semi-arid area it means insurance against drought and soil drifting that jointly have taken terrible toll of the farms in Southern Saskatchewan during the past few years. This alone has saved the country millions of dollars that otherwise would have been spent on seed, feed and relief. With prevailing prices of farm products there is no immediate possibility of anything being paid on capital. The chief source of money in the collection of the annual water rental so that the projects can continue to operate and give service. The cost factor, following a few months of irrigation farming, can pay his water rental in addition to getting a good living. Another problem is the establishing of new settlers. Capital to start with is essential on irrigated land. It takes time and money to get into real diversified farming. It means the establishment of permanent structures, fields of alfalfa, the construction of adequate buildings and the purchase of livestock. Previous to the depression a prospective settler could obtain sufficient credit to start with, but that is not possible now. One bright ray of hope is the possibility of the expansion of the beet sugar industry. This would solve the major

World's Series
Highlights

Henry McLenora, famous New York sports writer, sums up the "top" in the recent world's series as follows:
Best pitcher—The Dizzy one, with fifty breaths down his neck.
Best catcher—The Mick.
Best first baseman—Bip Collins.
Best second baseman—Gehrigner.
Best shortstop—Duchurch.
Best third baseman—The Pepper man.
Best left fielder—Medwick.
Best centre fielder—Jo Jo White.
Best right fielder—Rothrock.
Best umpire—Beans Reardon.
Best catch—White's half mile run to haul down Martin's tremendous bulge to centre in the ninth inning of the fifth game.
Greatest guy—Cochrane, who was a hospital case that last game, but stuck it out.
Next greatest guy—Pepper Martin, who played like a mad man for seven games despite a chipped bone in his left elbow. It was so bad he couldn't raise his arm above his shoulder.
Worst umpire—Cattfish Klem, the man who never made a mistake.
Best base-runner and slider—Moor-White.
Worst base-runner—Gerald Walker. The only time he got on base he got out.
Hardest hit ball—Gehrigner's home run off Dizzy in the fifth game at St. Louis.
Best jockey—Duchurch, who all but drove the Tigers crazy with his tantrums in the final game.
Highest honor—Frisch's choice of Dizzy to run for Davis in the fourth game.

difficulties and insure the success of irrigation from a financial standpoint in the light of many years of experience it is an accepted fact that industries must, and eventually do, find irrigation before it can be successful in an economic sense. A start has been made in Southern Alberta. The important thing to any industry is insurance and regularity of supply of the raw material. Irrigation can guarantee that.

Thousands of acres of dry land in Southern Alberta can not be brought under irrigation. The only thing stopping expansion in this connection is the cost per acre of construction. Certainly private capital will not undertake the risk. It would be more properly appear to be the function of a government as a contribution to the social and economic welfare of the country as a whole. One thing is certain, if additional projects are constructed, the capital cost will not be assessed altogether against the land, but in accordance with the interests involved.

"The greatest accomplishment of irrigation is that it has brought stability to farming, the opportunity of making a home and a good living for the man who is not afraid to work. It has in all truth made the desert 'bliss' like the rose."

Best wisecrack—"Dizzy" when they told him X-ray pictures of his moped head showed nothing: "Shucks, I know it all the time."

Highest group disappointment—The crump of the famed Detroit infield. Biggest individual disappointment—Marvin Owen, who got hot two hits in 25 times at bat, and who tried to make up for this with two errors in eighteen chances.

Most newsworthy: "I must apologize for the pie I made today. I say: I think I left something out."
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